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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Directors, DD/I  
Senior Staff and Division Chiefs, DD/P  
Office Heads, DD/S  
Training Liaison Officers (for distribution)

SUBJECT: Proposal for an Intensive, 10-12 Week Summer Program  
of Instruction in Less Usual Languages

1. With a view to providing an opportunity for study of some of the less usual languages for which the Agency has a present or potential need for competence, I am considering creation of a Summer Program for Unusual Languages. Whether or not the efforts and cost are justifiable depends on the extent the Agency desires and is willing to take advantage of the opportunity. I shall appreciate, therefore, receiving from you an indication of the nature and degree of your interest--specifically, the languages and names of persons who would be assigned to the program. Individual classes will be planned for a minimum of four and a maximum of eight persons.

2. Each course will be conducted on an intensive (full-time) schedule for approximately ten weeks. Instruction will be provided by competent specialists invited to serve as contract consultants for this summer program. In general, the spoken language will be emphasized initially. The structure of the language will be explained as the course progresses. Finally, the student will be introduced to reading materials. Each course will aim to give the student a basic familiarity with the structure of the language, limited proficiency in simple speech, and an ability to read simple materials with aid of a dictionary. It is not expected within this period to develop proficiency adequate for official use; it is expected, however, that the student will acquire a basis adequate for self-study development of facility in the language.

3. All candidates must be certified by a Qualifications Review Panel, and must be released from duty on a full-time basis for duration of the course. All students will need to make vacation arrangements that do not interfere with attendance throughout the course. Only persons whose aptitude and motivation are deemed adequate, and who are available for study according to requirements of the course will be accepted.

4. Languages presently considered are listed below. Your indication of interest, however, need not be restricted by this list; requirements for similarly scheduled training in other languages may be stated.

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Georgian	Mongolian
Ukrainian	Pashto
Finnish	Tagalog
Bulgarian	Tibetan
Turkish	Lithuanian
Persian	Esthonian
Hindi	Lettish
Urdu	Chinese (Cantonese)
Indonesian	Chinese (Amoy)
Korean	Chinese (Fuchow)
Burmese	Laotian
Vietnamese	Uzbek
Arabic (North African)	Byelorussian
Hebrew	Bengali
Thai	Telugu
Albanian	Malayalam
Armenian	Tamil
Azerbaijani	Swahili
Amharic	Ewe
Icelandic	Sinhalese
Kazakh	Gujerati

5. In order that I may determine whether or not to make arrangements to provide the language training discussed herein, will you kindly indicate to me prior to 15 November 1955 the languages in which you desire training and the names of persons who will be nominated for this training.

[Redacted Signature]

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